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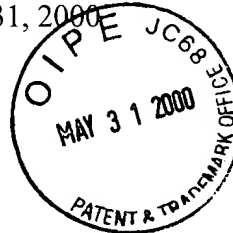
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Re: U.S. Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/496,960; Filed: February 3, 2000
For: **Automated Real-Time Distributed Tag Reader Network**
Inventors: Arneson *et al.*
Our Ref: 1689.0010002

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (*in duplicate*);
2. A copy of the Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, date mailed March 31, 2000;
3. Original executed Statement Claiming Small Entity Status - Independent Inventor;
4. Original executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney;
5. Our Check No. 27637 for \$554.00 to cover:
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6. One (1) return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

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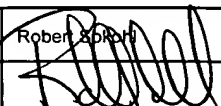
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$288.
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